

33. (amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the treatment site is selected from the group consisting of the eye's retina and the eye's vitreous humor.

34. (amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the treatment site is the eye's retina and the step of treating the treatment site comprises:

injecting medicament through the cannula and into the retina such that a dome-shaped retinal detachment is formed.

35. (amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the outer diameter of the piercing member is about 25 gage or smaller.

REMARKS

Claims 30-35 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, i.e. a non-substantive amendment.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, which includes claims 23-35, as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES

30. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 through 29] wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of genes, proteins, cells, small molecule pharmaceuticals and sterile solutions.

31. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 through 30] wherein the step of treating the treatment site comprises withdrawing material from the treatment site into the distal end of the cannula.

32. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 through 31] wherein the step of inserting the piercing member into the insertion site comprises inserting the distal end of the piercing member into and through the eye's sclera.

33. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 through 32] wherein the treatment site is selected from the group consisting of the eye's retina and the eye's vitreous humor.

34. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 through 33] wherein the treatment site is the eye's retina and the step of treating the treatment site comprises: injecting medicament through the cannula and into the retina such that a dome-shaped retinal detachment is formed.

35. (amended) The method of claim 27 [any one of claims 27 though 34] wherein the outer diameter of the piercing member is about 25 gage or smaller.